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SUBJ: PRESIDENT PEREZ' INVITATION TO U.S.
LEGISLATORS

REFS: (A. CARACAS 6652, B. STATE 192978, C. STATE 209987

1. PROPOSED INVITATION HAS ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL HURDLES, MAIN ONE OF WHICH IS CLAIM BY FONOFF THAT IT NEVER RECEIVED EMBASSY'S NOTE OF AUGUST 4 THE ON THE SUBJECT (ALTHOUGH COPY WAS RECEIVED BY MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY LAURIA, WHO, HOWEVER, IS LEAVING VISIT ARRANGEMENTS TO FONOFF). ACCORDINGLY, COPY OF NOTE WAS PROVIDED TO FONOFF VICE MINISTER GOMEZ MONTELLINI ON AUGUST 15. IN REPLY TO OUR ENQUIRIES TODAY (AUG.21), WE WERE INFORMED BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL PONCE (WHO SEEMS TO HAVE ENDED UP WITH THE ACTION RESPONSIBILITY) THAT THE PROPOSAL WILL BE RESUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT PEREZ FOR HIS FINAL

APPROVAL.

2. WHEN WE REMINDED PONCE THAT TIME WAS GROWING SHORT BECAUSE MANY CONGRESSMEN WOULD ALREADY BE MAKING THEIR POST-RECESS PLANS, HE SAID HE ASSUMED PRESIDENT WOULD APPROVE THE PROPOSAL AND THAT WE COULD BEGIN TO PLAN TENTATIVELY FOR A VISIT DURING THE SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER.

HE PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH US ABOUT SPECIFIC DATES ASAP.
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